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#### MONTANA

##### Consolidated Federal Funds Report, 2004

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Almost \$7.5 billion federal monies were spent in Montana in 2004, up 5.7% from 2003. Beneficiaries of this federal money include retirees, veterans, tribal governments, low-income families, students, and homeowners. Federal dollars are dispensed as direct payments, grants, contracts, or as salaries and wages.

During fiscal year 2004, Montanans collected \$2.4 billion in Social Security retirement and disability payments, federal employee retirement benefits and veterans' assistance, accounting for 32% of all federal dollars. In addition, another \$1.6 billion in direct payments were spent on social assistance programs, such as Medicare benefits, unemployment compensation, food stamps, housing and agricultural assistance. This equates to 22% of the total received.

Federal grants totaled nearly \$2.0 billions, 27% of all federal monies. Federal agencies providing grants include the U.S. departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation. Tribal governments received grants for self-governance, economic development, public works, housing, medical and other social services. Other activities funded by grants include public broadcasting, election assistance, museum and library services, and Fulbright scholarships.

Other federal assistance, which represents contingent liability, is in the form of loans and insurance. Loans are made to farmers, students, small businesses, and homeowners. Government insurance programs cover floods, crop damage, and veterans' life insurance.

Using 2004 population estimates, each Montanan received \$8,085 in federal dollars, well over the \$7,223 for the nation. The highest per capita federal expenditures occurred in the District of Columbia, home of the federal government. With nearly \$13,000 per capita in federal monies, Alaska earned first place, while Virginia was second with \$12,150.

State	Amount	Per Capita	Rank
Idaho	\$9.0 billion	\$6,437	36
Montana	\$7.5 billion	\$8,085	14
North Dakota	\$6.0 billion	\$9,513	6
South Dakota	\$6.6 billion	\$8,564	10
Wyoming	\$4.4 billion	\$8,673	7

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